

Town of Embden
Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons
April 7th 2022, 6:15pm at the Embden Town Office

Board Members in Attendance: Charles Taylor, Wayne McLaughlin, Janice Welch

Other Officials Present: Ruth Blake, Terriann Lamontagne, Leo Mayo

Members of the Public Present: Ernie Falcone, John Gartner

Minutes recorded by: Christine Jablon

1. **Call to Order:** Charles called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approved March 3rd, 2022, minutes: Wayne made motion to approve the minutes as written. Janice seconded. Passed 3-0.
 - b. Review Town Warrant – (AP # 27,28,29,30,31,32, and Payroll #33) – All signed and approved.
 - c. Bank Reconciliation- February Bank Reconciliation signed.
4. **Appointments and Resignations-**None
5. **Presentation-** None
6. **Executive Session-** None
7. **Department Officials' Reports**
 - a. E-911 – Nothing to report
 - b. Winter Roads Contractor – Josh Nunes and his crew did a great job on the roads this winter.
 - c. Animal Control – Nothing to report
 - d. Assessor – Terriann said they are busy
 - e. Planning Board – Randal Caldwell, and Aaron Crocker turned in application for the Alternate position open. Janice makes motion to appoint Randal, Wayne seconded. Passes 3-0
 - f. Local Plumbing Inspector – It is starting to get busy.
 - g. Board of Appeals – None
 - h. Code Enforcement Officer – Busy with dealing with After the Fact permits. A Stop Work Order was put on Snowshoe Village for tree cutting. Terriann is working had to hold residence accountable for replanting trees per the Tree Cutting Ordinance. Ruth received a phone call that the property on the Barron Road is being cleaned up.
 - i. Health Officer- All is quiet.
 - j. Road Commissioner – There is a large hole on the Embden Pond Road that needs to be fixed.
 - k. R.S.U. #74 – Mr. Tracy will be at the May 5th meeting to discuss the school budget.
 - l. Town Clerk/Treasurer- Christy is still working with RHR Smith to finish up the 2021 audit. She is also in the proses of scheduling a meeting with Keel Hood. He will be the new Auditor. Christy is working on the Property and Casualty report for MMA, as well as entering the 2022 Town Warrant into the Trio Budget program.
 - m. Registrar of Voters – Christy is getting ready for the State Primary and School Budget Election on June 14. Election staff are already lined up.
 - n. Tax Collector – Ruth has collected \$8,143.05 since the march 3rd report. Ruth will be on vacation next week.
 - o. Community Center- Country Sundays are going well. The ECC is staying busy. The library has been cleaned out and really is looking good. The lid on the septic tank has been fixed. There is a dip in the drive between the two parking lots that needs to be repaired. The faucet for the bathroom has been ordered. Still working on fixing the lab. A new Face Book page has been put together for the ECC. Wayne is looking into having a Trauma Care / CPR course at the ECC
8. **Unfinished Business –**
9. **New Business –** Select Board is thinking about raising money in the future to have a mass mailing of the Town Report to tax payers.
10. **Correspondence-**
11. **Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum-** John Gartner with the Broad Band Committee said TDS is intending on putting in fiberoptic cables in this year. He is not sure if TDS would open their poles to their competitors. Ernie Falcone and John Gartner came to the meeting representing the Embden Pond Association. They have water quality concerns for the lakes here in Embden. Ernie showed pictures of the erosion that is happening around Embden Pond. Algae blooms have been spotted in the lake. With all the cutting that is happening around the lakes, he feels that there needs to be stiffer fines for residents who break the Tree Cutting Ordinance. John said that nutrients are washing into the lakes due to all the cutting. Chuck will be working on having someone come in on the next Select Board meeting to talk about moving forward on this matter.
12. **Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment –**
 - a. Next regularly scheduled meeting – May 5th, 2022.
 - b. Chuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Janice seconded, and the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn at 7:32 pm.